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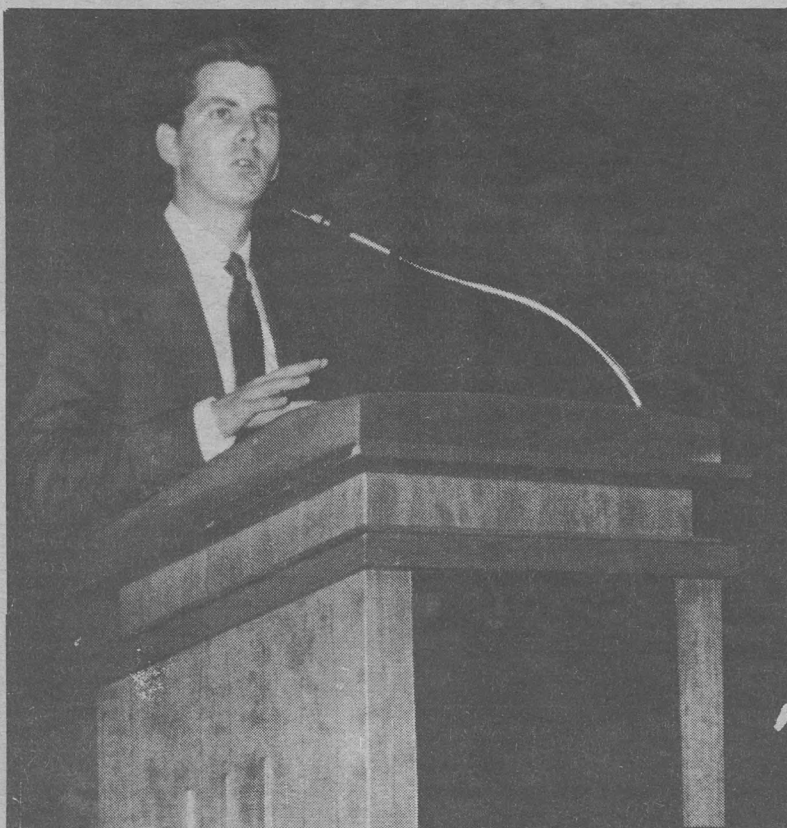
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JOSEPH STEFFAN addresses a crowd of 75 Monday in the Marvin Center. photo by Sarah Biondi

Ex-cadet addresses military code for gays

by Jim Peterson
Associate Editor

As a measure to mandate changing current policy barring openly gay men and lesbians from serving in the U.S. armed forces, colleges and universities supporting an anti-discrimination policy should examine the contradiction in allowing the Reserve Officer Training Corps programs to continue on their campuses, former U.S. Naval Academy midshipman Joseph Steffan told a group Monday at a speech in the Marvin Center.

Steffan, who was discharged from the Annapolis Naval Academy in 1987 after he admitted he is gay, filed a lawsuit in December 1988 against the Defense Department, challenging the constitutionality of the military's regulations prohibiting gays from military service.

The GW Program Board presented Steffan's speech as part of Unity Week, a series of programs exploring cultural diversities. Approximately 75 people attended the event.

"This policy (of discrimination against gays) is not going to change unless individuals get involved. College students throughout the history of our country have always been the conscience of America," Steffan said.

More than 65 colleges and universities have begun steps to remove ROTC programs within the next few years unless the military changes the policy, Steffan said. Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J., has already removed ROTC programs from its campus, he added.

"Institutions that allow an organization to exist on their campus, take advantage of their campus facilities, to accept money from the organizations, is very blatantly enforcing this type of discrimination.

"I would urge you very strongly, not only in your own university's quest to finally add sexual orientation to your non-discrimination clause, but to enforce the reality that clause cannot exist on a campus where a ROTC program exists . . . It violates the nature of freedom — the most basic tenet of what this university or any university stands for," he added.

Steffan said he sees a need for ROTC programs to exist — since students from the programs make up approximately 85 percent of the military's commissioned officers — but not with their current discrimination practice.

The current military policy, unchanged since 1981, reads, "Homosexuality is incompatible with military service. The presence of such members adversely affects the ability of the armed forces to maintain discipline, good order and morale, to foster mutual trust and confidence among the members, to ensure the integrity of the system of rank and command, to facilitate assignment in world-

(See STEFFAN, p.12)

GWUMC undergoes renovations

Medical center director says goal is to bring hospital up to date

by Debbie Solomon
Asst. News Editor

The GW Medical Center is undergoing a major modernization process in an effort to bring the hospital's facilities up to date, according to GWUMC Director and Vice President for Medical Affairs Dr. L. Thompson Bowles.

The aging physical plant of the hospital, erected in 1888, is in need of modernization, he said.

Two years ago the GWUMC's administration decided the hospital was undersized and needing renovations, Bowles said, and he and GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg have been looking for ways to expand and modernize the facility.

"President Trachtenberg and I worked with outside consultants and concluded that \$100 million was needed to accomplish the goals of such a modernization project," he said. "We appreciated that it would be difficult to raise the money so Trachtenberg spoke with Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) who, with Congress, authorized a \$50 million allocation for GW Hospital to strengthen our ability to modernize the hospital and to strengthen our ability to deal with emergency care."

According to Bowles, Congress authorized \$50 million to be appropriated to GW if the University raises \$50 million in four years.

Bowles said a reason the GWUMC was not renovated earlier was because of financial incapacities, noting the GWUMC had a huge reserve fund until 1987. This money was established and enlarged during the era in which hospitals were paid well by all insurance payers for the help they provided. "From the mid 1980s, all organizations who pay for medical care have been working to reduce their payments to providers. The hospitals reserve fund began to erode due to this stoppage of money and to the faltering economy," Bowles said.

Another reason the GWUMC has been losing money is because of a D.C. indigent care clause, he noted. Under this

clause, indigent and homeless people in the District can obtain emergency medical care at the GWUMC, even if they have no medical insurance or cannot pay for it. According to Bowles, the hospital does not get repaid for the costs it incurs to help the indigents.

The GWUMC is utilized by high-ranking government officials and visiting international dignitaries for emergency care, Bowles said. "This is an important role for the hospital. We provide urgent care to the nation's most important citizens who live and work in D.C.," he said, adding the GWUMC does not get repaid for this care, contributing to the hospital's financial burdens.

Although the hospital is having financial troubles, Georgetown and Howard universities' hospitals are also having problems due to many of the same reasons, according to Bowles. "Every academic medical center, including Georgetown and Howard, are struggling with these same forces and for much the same reasons . . . All medical centers are struggling. This is due, in part, because the country is still not committed to a particular national health policy.

"Opportunities for superb care grow every day, but it is expensive to keep up to date. What the public needs now is better and stronger medical care. This can only be done by improving facilities and maintaining a modern hospital," he added.

According to Bowles, many lives are now saved and kept functional despite injuries that would have been fatal or crippling a decade ago. It is critically important for the GWUMC to function with that level of superb medical care, he said, adding, "That's an important but costly commitment for the University.

"It's clear that President Trachtenberg and the Board of Trustees are aware of the medical center's needs. They are working hard to organize this modernization in order to help serve our patients and community," Bowles said.

Reagan to receive honorary degree on tenth anniversary of shooting

by Anastasia Benshoff
News Editor

Former President Ronald Reagan and Nancy Reagan will be attending ceremonies at the University on March 28 to mark the tenth anniversary of Reagan's care at the GW Medical Center, following an assassination attempt at the Washington Hilton.

A special University convocation will be held to confer upon President Reagan an honorary doctor of public service degree in recognition of his service as the nation's chief executive, GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said in a University Relations press release.

Reagan was treated at the GWUMC on March 30, 1981, after being shot in the chest by John Wamock Hinckley, Jr. of Evergreen, Colo. The president underwent nearly three hours of emergency surgery to remove the .22 caliber bullet lodged in his left lung.

Trachtenberg announced that a plaque honoring Nancy Reagan for her courage and strength during the time of husband's hospitalization will be placed in the emergency room. At the ceremony, GW will announce that the hospital is establishing the Ronald Reagan

Institute of Emergency Medicine, according to the press release.

"During his eight years as president, Ronald Reagan served his country with great dedication and patriotism," Trachtenberg said in the press release. "The (GW) community and the Reagan's have a special bond, and we are looking forward to having them back with us — under happier circumstances — in March."

The March visit to Washington will be the Reagan's second since leaving the White House. The Reagan's last trip to the District was in November 1989 for the unveiling of their White House portraits.

The White House Press Office said a meeting between President George Bush and Reagan is not on the schedule, but it is not unlikely, the Washington Post reported Tuesday.

In a statement issued by the president after his hospitalization at GW, Reagan expressed "deep and heartfelt appreciation to all who have contributed to my care.

"The entire staff at the (GW) hospital contributed to my comfort and recovery, and I will always remember their special efforts on my behalf," he added.

According to University Marshall Jill Kasle, nominations for honorary degrees can be made by any member of the university community. Nominations are sent to the Faculty Senate Committee on Honors and Academic Convocation. The committee's recommendations are sent to Trachtenberg for consideration. The president's selection is then sent to the Board of Trustees which makes the final decision to bestow an honorary degree.

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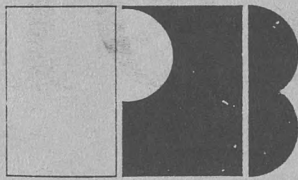


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Unity week

JEC changes rules for elections; poster period shortened to five days

by Wayne Milstead
Asst. News Editor

Proposed changes in the rules for this year's GW Student Association, Program Board and Marvin Center Governing Board elections include reducing the amount of poster time and increasing expenditures for each race by \$25, according to Joint Elections Committee Chairman Martin Goldstein.

The rules have been streamlined, Goldstein said.

Major changes, he added, are mainly in the areas of poster and finances. "We took the rules from last year and tried to clarify them by removing certain contradictions in areas such as spending. This year we have a shorter poster period," Goldstein said.

Prior to last year, candidates were allowed to poster for a 14-day period before the election, Goldstein said. Last year the poster period was reduced to nine days and this year it will be shortened to five days. "From talking to people and also from my observations, (noticed) poster tends to wear off up to nine days and it has negative effects by turning people off (to the election)," Goldstein said.

JEC member Volle Melson said reduction of the poster period should allow candidates get more of a "punch" out of their posters. A shorter period should help curb the litter problem caused by the mass poster, he added. "We hope to get the most out of poster without the negatives of a prolonged poster period," he said.

According to the rules issued by the JEC, the poster period will begin

Feb. 24 at noon and continue until the last day of the election, Feb. 28. Voting will take place on Feb. 27 and Feb. 28. JEC member Libby Bock said that in past years, the election days have been Tuesday and Wednesday, but in order to accommodate the shorter poster period, voting days were moved to Wednesday and Thursday. "By having the poster period Sunday to Thursday, (candidates) can poster all that week. We thought that would be easier on the candidates," she said. Conducting the elections on the traditional Tuesday and Wednesday would cause the poster period to be longer since the candidates would have to start before the weekend, she added. "(The poster period) would end up lasting as long as last year's," she said.

Some concern had been expressed, Bock said, about the date change, partially because coverage of the election results would not be published until the following Monday in The GW Hatchet.

"We're open for suggestions. That's what the meeting (tomorrow) is for. None of the rules are cast in stone," she added.

Goldstein said the JEC realized that reducing the poster period means lowering the amount of publicity for the election, so the committee will aid in publicizing the event. "We will work with student liasons from different groups such as the law center and the medical school," he said.

Goldstein said he hoped this effort

will keep all groups informed so they are aware of the elections and how it affects them. "Last year students in the National Law Center complained about not knowing about the elections until after the deadlines. We would like to avoid having that type of situation arise in the first place. . . We want to let them know the election is occurring and what it means to them, and let them know it includes them," he added.

According to Goldstein, each area of the elections received a \$25 increase in funding to compensate for inflation and higher poster printing costs. With the new funding adjustments, the spending limit for SA president and executive vice-president, Program Board chair and vice-chair is \$375; \$275 for Program Board secretary and treasurer positions and senate at-large positions and \$225 for all other senatorial races.

Goldstein said other differences in this year's rules include changes made in locations where candidates can place their posters. "Last year most places were plastered over with posters so we had a request from the Marvin Center Governing Board to keep posters off railings and imbedded lights," he said.

Goldstein said the JEC will hold a hearing on the rules at a general meeting for those interested in positions, tomorrow in Fungler 108 from 4 until 6 p.m. "At this point, we're under no obligation to change anything, but we would like the input of the people involved," Goldstein added.

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The Joint Elections Committee

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Friday, February 1
Fungler 108 4:00 pm

Note: All proposed rules are in effect until the final version is released...February 4, 1991.

EDITORIALS

A date to change

Look out, student elections are just around the corner.

The Joint Elections Committee has laid out the groundwork for this year's election schedule. Once again, candidates running for the GW Student Association, Program Board and Marvin Center Governing Board offices will be posterizing, palm-carding and campaigning.

The JEC has decided to move the election from Tuesday and Wednesday, as has been the tradition, to Wednesday and Thursday. The reason for considering this change eludes us.

By closing the polls on Thursday, most students will not hear the results until they are published in Monday's Hatchet. True, those who really care about the election will be at the election party in George's, but the majority of the campus will get the results four days later than they had to. And for what reason?

One reason suggested to move the date is to allow the winners to celebrate and the losers to mourn without having to worry about classes the next day.

This is just plain silly. Elections are supposed to serve the public — not just the candidates and their campaign managers. Is the JEC seriously considering moving election day just so a bunch of campus politicians can get sloshed at the local pub without missing Thursday classes?

Another reason posed for the date change is to encourage more students to vote. But anyone who steps on campus Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday cannot help but notice that elections are going on. Moving the last day of elections to Thursday will not make a big, if any, difference in terms of voter turnout.

People have a right to read about election results right after they happen. The Hatchet is the only publication on campus that covers the election, which, in the past, has been one of the main reasons for holding elections Wednesday night.

We're not asking the world to revolve around our deadlines, but a valid reason better exist to change the election date. So far, the JEC has not given us any.

Voter turnout is an important priority, but the JEC is barking up the wrong tree.

Uncommon valor

The coalition against Iraq owes an incredible debt of gratitude to Israel.

Time and time again, Israel, a nation making every effort to keep out of the Persian Gulf War, has restrained itself by not retaliating at Iraq's deadly Scud missile attacks. They have unilaterally given up their absolute right to defend themselves — and use their sizeable military power to punish Iraq for their barbaric aggression toward the Jewish state.

Iraq's missile attacks on Israel have absolutely zero military value — they are purely meant to terrorize Israel's civilian population and draw Israel into the war zone to splinter the Western-Arab coalition.

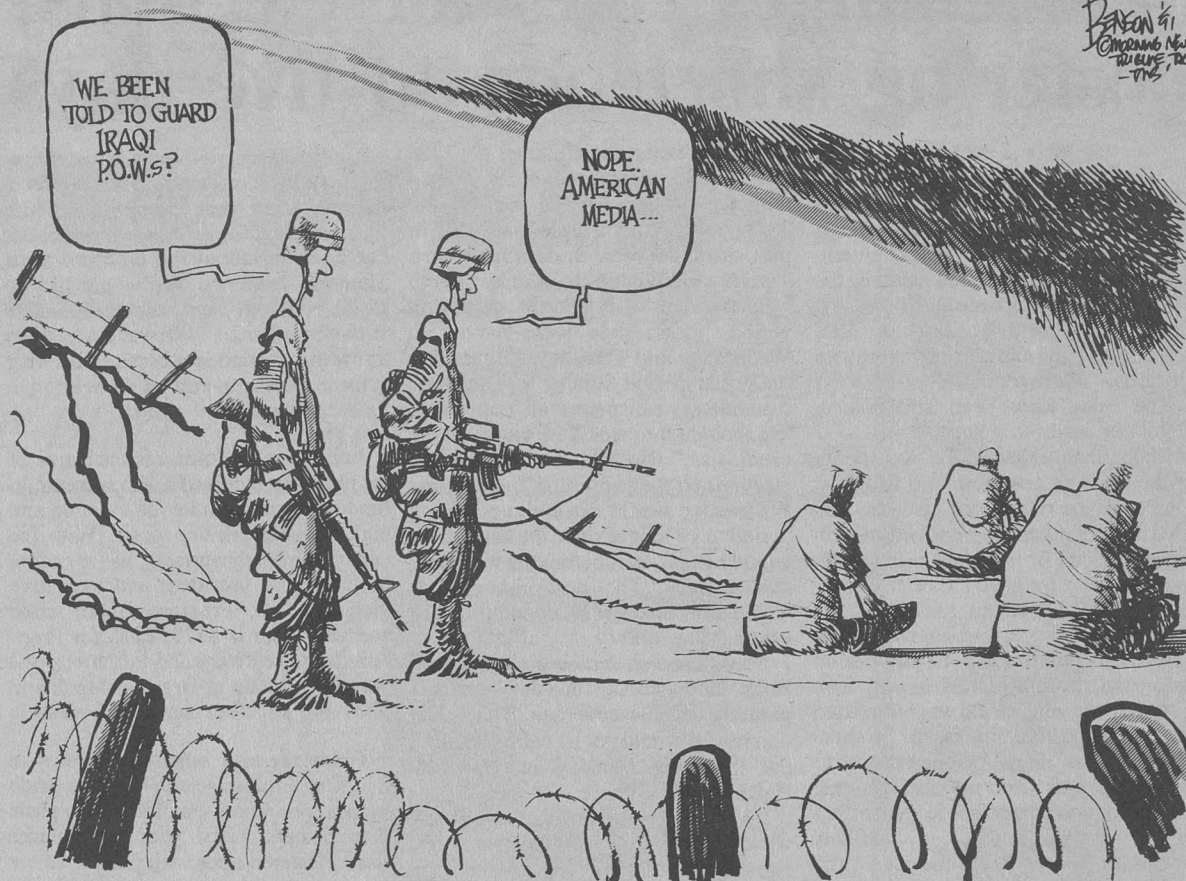
For Israel, chastising Saddam Hussein for the attacks is not enough. The Israeli army has every right to feel the need to respond and defend its people.

But Israel has chosen wisely to keep as distant from military involvement in the Persian Gulf as it can. Israelis see that by not responding, they are creating tremendous public sympathy, something they may instantly lose if retaliation occurs. In fact, Israel would be playing right into the hands of Saddam Hussein, who hopes to turn the tables and create an Arab-Israeli conflict.

Though Israeli response against Iraq would not necessarily cause nations like Syria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia to leave the coalition — it would no doubt create havoc in Jordan and nations with highly Islamic populations such as Iran and Pakistan. The last thing Israel or the Western-Arab coalition needs is another holy war. It's a winning proposition for all-around losing.

Israel can best serve its interests by allowing U.S. Patriot missiles to defend its land and allied air power to disable Hussein's capability to cook up and fuel war.

So far, Israel's restraint is paying off. No matter how bad the attacks and no matter how much an outrage it is for Hussein to attack innocent people and nations — Israel would be wise to stay the course.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gym grads

How do you feel about graduating in the school gym? How do you feel about not being able to see your friends at graduation? How do you feel about a second-rate graduation speaker? If you want things to change, let's do something about it.

The solution to all these problems is an all-school graduation. Most schools about the size of GW have one. Just look at Boston University, whose speaker in the spring will be Margaret Thatcher. Last year they had President Bush and French President Mitterand. Why shouldn't GW have speakers like these? The administration supports this in theory, but what about in practice?

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg has formed a committee to look into this, but they want student input. So here's your chance to let the administration know how you feel. All you have to do is call the Student Association office at 994-7100 and leave a message for me with your views on an all-school graduation.

Please call and voice your opinion. I have put time and effort into this, and I hope you will too.

-Peter Bernstein

-Columbian College senator

were chanting "sanctions first." I told them there were sanctions in place and they didn't work. They said it was because they haven't been in place long enough. To prove a point, I said, "Don't you think a month is long enough?" One protestor, incidentally a GW student, viciously replied "no," and stated that we should keep them in place for two more months. I explained to this protestor that if he was an educated protestor, he would know that the sanctions have been in place since Aug. 4, more than five months.

The protestor immediately dropped that chant and began with the next fallacy the crowd was claiming, "Let's negotiate before war." Where were these people when Secretary of State James Baker met with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz? Or when U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar met with several Iraqi officials? This "new concept" of negotiations made the crowd's argument entirely moot. Effective protesting should be based on facts and expressed with emotion. Everyone has different opinions and should be free to express them. If you are going to express your opinion, let it be an educated one. Simply stated, know your facts.

-Jennifer M. Green

Alienating

Scott Lauf wrote a very narrow-minded and uninformed letter to the editor in the Jan. 24 issue of The GW Hatchet. His intent, apparently, was to drum up support for the war. He succeeded only in bashing those whose views he opposes and alienating those who might have sided with him.

He began by belittling those who have so fervently demonstrated for peace and telling us many of them are anti-American and extreme leftists. He doesn't bother to tell us that some of the

demonstrators include Jesse Jackson, Molly Yard and at least 12 Congressmen who voted "no" to a resolution supporting the troops.

Is it unbelievable that some people think those who demonstrate for peace (or have a different opinion) deserve to be labelled negatively.

Mr. Lauf implies that peace demonstrators do not care about the lives of American military personnel. Not only is that a repugnant statement, it is wrong. It may well be true that some demonstrators carried signs condemning troops. The visible majority, however, carried American flags proudly and banners reading, "Hey troops, this flag's for you." I have been heartened by the efforts of demonstrators to make it clear that they oppose the U.S. policy — that there is no reason for our troops to be risking their lives.

Mr. Lauf accused peace demonstrators of "juvenile behavior." Meanwhile, war supporters (including GW College Republicans and Young Americans for Freedom) have also instigated shouting and shoving matches. They have rallied without permits. In an ultimate display of "mature" behavior, they accosted the Iraqi ambassador's car and gathered outside the Iraqi embassy to burn flags and shout to those inside, "Come out and fight unlike your wimpy leader." Hypocrisy, Mr. Lauf?

Like Mr. Lauf, I support the United Nations resolutions which have led to the war in the Gulf. More than anything, I want peace. The issue and my feelings are extremely complicated. However, I remain proud to be an American — someone who can voice my opinion no matter what. It would be ideal if everyone would work responsibly to achieve what he or she feels is right. Unfortunately, the Scott Lauf's of the world continue to hurt the causes they seek to help.

-Carolyn Cooper

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Just the facts

With all of the political uproar in the past weeks, I keep reminding myself that this is why I came to Washington. GW students are in the hottest spot of the entire country. On Jan. 15, there were many of us at the White House representing GW — an educated populous of D.C.

However, what is very saddening is that many war protestors do not have their facts straight. Nearby protestors

OPINION

Lithuania is an example of unjustifiable Soviet brutality

The slaughter of defenseless protesters by the Soviet Army in Vilnius, Lithuania and the continuing harassment of peaceful demonstrators in the Baltic States are cases of unjustifiable brutality. The attempt of Soviet leaders to preserve their rotting empire through the use of force is frightening and should be condemned, but it should not be surprising. The bloody pages of history show that the Soviet Union is an empire built by coercion and maintained by intimidation.

The illegal occupation and incorporation of the independent Baltic States in 1940-1941 decimated the populations of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia as Josef Stalin sought to liquidate any resistance to the power of his armies. In the early weeks of June 1941, the Soviets arrested and deported more than 45,000 citizens of the Baltic states to slave labor camps, including children and the elderly. Thousands more perished in prisons in Siberia in the four decades that followed.

The emergence of Mikhail Gorbachev in the Soviet political arena was regarded with cautious optimism in much of the Baltic area. Gorbachev surrounded himself with political iconoclasts, individuals with visions that went beyond the ossified communist ideology. Eduard Shevardnadze and Aleksandr Yakovlev, to name only a few, were disciples of a new ideology that called itself *perestroika*. Together with

glasnost, its companion in reform, *perestroika* ushered in an era of "new thinking," the era of Mikhail Gorbachev.

By 1987, there was a strong sentiment in the Baltics that the tide had begun to turn and it was safe to speak out on the issues that were previously unquestionable: Stalin and the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact of 1939, forcible Russification of the small republics, ecological catastrophes wrought by over industrialization and many others. Baltic nationalism, forced underground by nearly five decades of oppression, resurfaced with a force that could not have been anticipated by disciples of a dogma that had long since declared the "nationalities question" as solved.

"Calendar demonstrations" began in Latvia in 1987 and were designed to commemorate historically significant dates ignored by the communist leadership. They included June 14, to commemorate victims of mass deportations; Aug. 23, to protest the signing of the notorious Hitler-Stalin Pact; and Nov. 18, to celebrate the 1918 declaration of Latvian independence. By 1988, demonstrations were widespread across the region, embracing a broad array of issues.

That same year, Latvian, Lithuanian and Estonian citizens had prepared a number of democratically-oriented political programs that were put forth by the newly-formed Popular Fronts in

Latvia and Estonia and Sajudis in Lithuania. Included on the agendas of all three groups were economic autonomy and political independence, steps on the path to full national self determination.

In the elections of 1989 and 1990, the first elections in which non-communist parties were permitted to submit candi-

favor restoration of independence.

In 1991, it would appear that Mikhail Gorbachev's "new thinking" has come full circle, finishing at the dogmatic dead end of dictatorial power where it began nearly six years earlier. Gone are Yakovlev, Shevardnadze and the cadre of reformers who characterized the sweep of change that transformed Eastern Europe and opened the doors to free press. The new aces are those of Stalinist hardliners such as Boris Pugo, new Minister of the Interior and former head of the Latvian KGB, who accused peaceful, unarmed Lithuanian demonstrators of firing on Soviet tanks and troops. The account was dismissed by a parliamentary spokeswoman as "ludicrous." The Baltic leaderships fear that even peaceful demonstrations may be cited as provocation and may lead to more violence, a fear which cannot easily be dismissed in light of recent developments.

Gorbachev's intention in undertaking reform was to strengthen, not dismember, the Soviet empire. Financially and ideologically bankrupt, Moscow's leadership could no longer hold on to Eastern Europe. Gorbachev deserves praise for granting the Eastern Bloc nations freedom, but one should not consider the action illustrative of a greater desire to smash the chains of communism across Soviet Europe and Asia. Arguably, Gorbachev could not have anticipated the extent to which reform would lead to rebellion by republics

resentful of the oppression they have suffered during decades of communism. The call for freedom echoes in the Baltics and beyond.

The fluid nature of the situation renders predictions difficult. Possible scenarios range from anarchy and civil war to a backlash by reformist elements. There can be little doubt, however, that the empire is in decline and the Soviet Union will collapse under its own dead weight before the end of this decade. The Baltic nations hope this will lead them back on the road to a free and democratic Europe.

It has been argued that the Baltic republics are not in a position to survive as independent states. This argument falls flat in the face of history. The Baltics survived and prospered as independent nations in the inter-war period, relying predominantly on agrarian economies to provide some of the highest living standards in Europe to their people. The people of the Baltic states have experience with capitalist economies and democratic politics, but more importantly they have strength and determination. Latvians, Lithuanians and Estonians do not expect that the road to independence will be short or simple or without sacrifices. They do not ask for charity from the global community, they ask only for the chance to be free.

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dates, nationalist-supported parties won significant victories, taking most of their respective republics' seats in the Congress of People's Deputies and winning majority status in their Republican parliaments. In Lithuania, the victory provided a strong pro-independence block in the parliament. In Latvia and Estonia, the pro-independence groups face a powerful Soviet minority which opposes re-establishment of independent states.

Opinion polls of all nationalities living in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia have shown that decisive majorities of inhabitants, which include Russians, Ukrainians, Poles, Jews and others,

MORE LETTERS

Trash tips

As a person concerned about the environment, I was excited to learn that GW was going to make a concerted effort to recycle paper, glass and cans. However, after still seeing bottles, cans and paper mixed in with the rest of the common garbage, I can only consider the school's recycling policy a pathetic, thwarted attempt.

I chose those two adjectives because the failure of this system can be attributed to two very distinct areas: the school's actions and the community's reactions. I will address the school's actions first.

The means by which the University has attempted to induce recycling, i.e. labeling waste baskets as receptacles for certain materials only, has been inadequate at best, as students must actively search for the labels to find out what material the receptacle is for. In addition, the school has failed to undertake any sort of advertising campaign to let the GW community know that it is recycling. Would it be so difficult to print "cans only" or "paper only" on or

near the top of their respective receptacles, where people have no choice but to notice what materials belong where? Or to send students and faculty flyers stating, "This is what we do, and this is how we do it." These measures would not be that difficult, and a little extra effort now could save us from a lot of problems in the future.

Extra effort, which to this point has been entirely lacking, will also be required from the GW community. Students and faculty alike frequently ignore the labelled canisters or do not check to see which receptacle is for which product. This often leads to mixed loads, and in communities like the District which rely on its citizens to separate garbage, mixed loads are "soiled," even if their contents are entirely recyclable. We are supposed to be America's leaders — educated, intelligent and willing to do whatever it takes to make our lives better. A little extra effort, taking five steps in one direction instead of three in another, can make a big difference. I do not think that sounds so difficult, do you?

Although we will not all die tomorrow if we do not recycle today, the

environmental problem is serious. And it would be nice, for once, to solve a crisis before we are on the brink of disaster. This is not an ideological question, as I doubt anyone, conservative or liberal, actually sets out to destroy the environment. Recycling is an easy, necessary solution to at least part of the problem, which, until we all work to make it better, is only going to get worse.

-Kevin Skole

True peace

As I read the front page of the Jan. 24 issue of The GW Hatchet, my heart saddened at the injustice given to the student supporters of the troops in the Persian Gulf. These Americans were depicted as being as violent as the war itself.

First of all, I would like to set one thing straight — no person enjoys the thought of war, so the term "pro-war activist" is really a misnomer. No person smiles when he hears reports of residential communities in Tel Aviv and

Haifa being bombed. No person holds their head high in pride as they view the battered faces of our Allied patriots while they suffer in Hussein's wrath. I could also guarantee that no decent person could sleep well at night after watching news clips of emaciated Iraqi and Kuwaiti children while we wait for sanctions to work. Why should they suffer at the hands of Saddam Hussein if there already exists a professional group of soldiers who have dedicated their lives to the implementation of strategic warfare?

Furthermore, I think some people need to be reminded of the true definition of the word "peace." Peace is not merely the absence of war, it is universal harmony among nations and leaders of the world community. After all, the United Nations acted in accordance with this definition of peace when it passed a resolution to allow an international force to expel Hussein out of Kuwait. Even if the soldiers had not entered the Middle East, peace would not exist in the area because Saddam Hussein did not act in "universal harmony" on Aug. 2, 1990.

If anti-interventionists truly believe

that the presence of allied troops in the Middle East is preventing peace, they should consider their own actions as being a deterrent to peace as well. Paul Connolly and Dean Watts describe troop supporters' actions such as Iraqi flag burning and "accosting passersby who were on their way to the ongoing peace rally." Where were Connolly and Watts when the peace protesters threw red paint at the pro-interventionists to represent their "no blood for oil" battle cry? Where were they when a peace protester banged a young pro-interventionist woman in the face with a Coke can?

I sincerely hope these two writers were simply ignorant of the events that occurred in front of the White House and Lafayette Park that Saturday afternoon, not biased to either side.

I have to admit that I, like the peace protesters, fear for the lives of our dedicated servicemen and women in the Persian Gulf. I also pray for peace in the Middle East, but yet the peace I hope for is one of a lasting nature in the true sense of the word.

-Diane Elizabeth Grzyb

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Profs comment on Middle East

by Karmela LeJarde

Hatchet Staff Writer

Several GW professors have been lending their expertise to the media, commenting on topics regarding the Persian Gulf War such as the psyche of Saddam Hussein and the comparisons between this war and Vietnam in the 1960s.

Professor of military history Ronald Spector and emeritus professor of geography and regional science Marvin Gordon both said the Persian Gulf War is different from Vietnam.

"The comparisons that President Bush makes between Vietnam and the Persian Gulf show that he and people in The White House don't know much about the Vietnam War, and aren't in any position to make comparisons," Spector wrote in an article in the Jan. 4

issue of *Newsday*.

"Bush's statements (when) he looks back at Vietnam, says that unlike Vietnam, there will be no 'murky' ending to the conflict in the Persian Gulf," Spector said. "However, there was no murky ending. We suffered a clear defeat."

In an interview with *USA Today*, Gordon commented that the Persian Gulf War is different than the Vietnam War because of the differences in strategies and geography.

"The climate (in the Persian Gulf) is such that if you get yourself surrounded, you don't last very long," Gordon said. "There are different characteristics to various kinds of deserts. This one is near the head of the Persian Gulf and that's why they get different climates. If you don't know much about the desert

you're in, you can be surprised.

"When we tried to rescue the hostages in Iran, for example, some of the helicopters we sent were not prepared to fly through sand storms. The pilots didn't know that if they had just flown a few feet higher they could have avoided the sand," Gordon added.

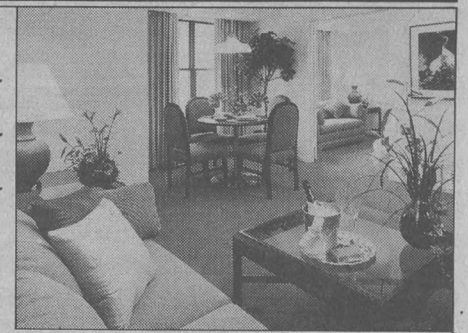
In an article in *The George Washington University Magazine*, political science professor Jerrold Post attempted to psychoanalyze Saddam Hussein. "The only language that Saddam Hussein understands is the language of power."

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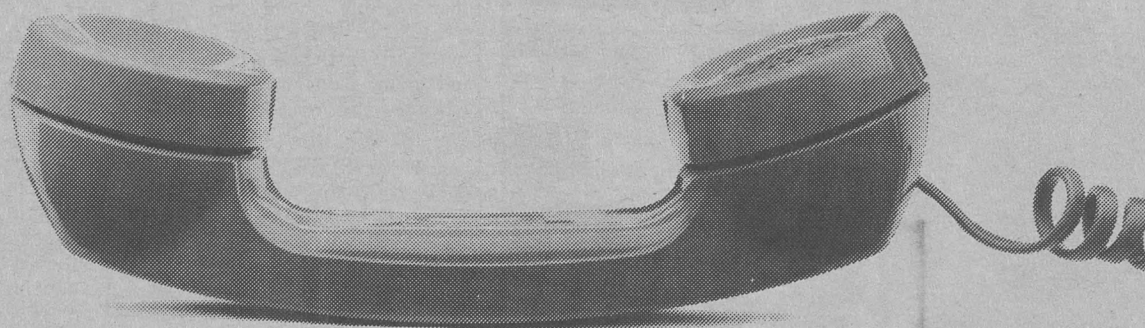
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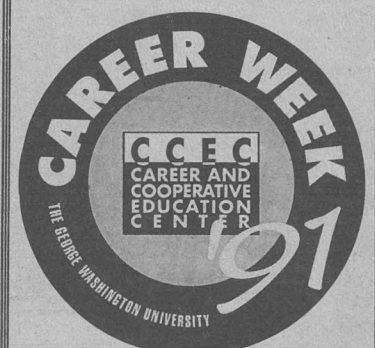
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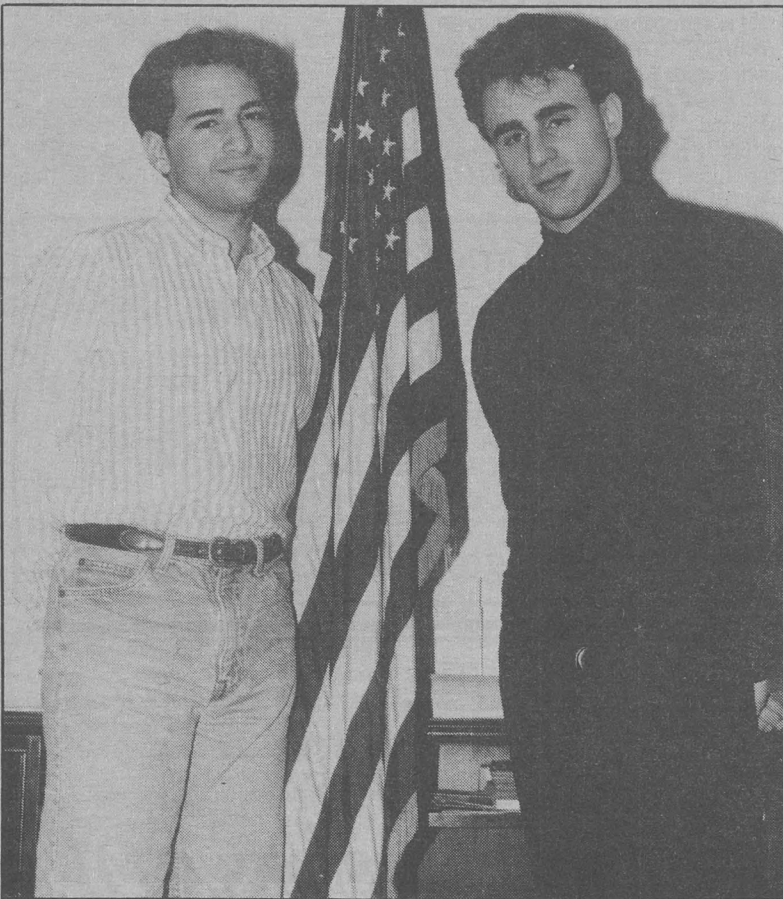


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Musicians, Adam Ciralsky and Philip Wolf, release their song in support of U.S. troops.

Two GW students send regards, song to soldiers in Persian Gulf

by Isabel Garcia

When I interviewed GW students Adam Ciralsky and Philip Wolf about the tributary song entitled "Send My Regards," which they wrote for the American troops in the Middle East, it seemed more like a promotional session for Ciralsky's hometown band, Oasis, than an interview with two guys who wrote a song in support of the troops.

Before I could ask the first question, Ciralsky tossed me a copy of Oasis' first CD, *Arava*, which was released in 1988 under the Arista label. He said, "First of all, I'm not new to this."

Ciralsky has apparently been in the recording business for some time. Three months before Oasis started to get some airplay in Los Angeles, Chicago and Ciralsky's hometown of Milwaukee, he and his partner, Chris Elser, a University of Wisconsin student, decided to put the band on hold and go back to college.

Ciralsky says he was inspired to write the music for "Send My Regards" back in October, due to what he saw as many citizens' lack of support for the U.S. troops stationed in the Persian Gulf.

Ciralsky later got together with Wolf, whom he had worked with before, to collaborate on the lyrics. Ciralsky and Wolf, professionally known as Arava (not only the name of Oasis' first album but, ironically, the name of a desert between Jordan and Israel), wrote the song because they "had to make a contribution somehow" and Ciralsky felt a special concern for a friend from high school who had been sent to the Gulf.

"It is far too easy to qualify the present crisis as a case of 'blood for oil,'" Ciralsky explains. "This is a catch phrase that has incorrectly summarized what amounts to a far more complex issue than many care to understand... Whether or not one agrees with the policies of the United States government that resulted in Operation Desert Storm should not cloud the adulation that the men and women in our armed forces deserve."

With Ciralsky and Wolf cooing lyrics such as, "Stand by the soldiers, your sisters and your brothers/ So they'll know they have a home/ Unite against this villain he's our common rival/ And not another Vietnam," "Send My Regards" is a sentimental pledge of

fidelity and support with an Air Supply-ish, adult contemporary sound.

The song has been produced, recorded and distributed by Hit 'n' Run Productions. The label also provided musicians who donated their time to the effort. Hit 'n' Run manager Ronnie Day has been writing for Capitol Records for 10 years, and has represented many artists on Geffen and Polygram labels. Hit 'n' Run is a large recording studio in D.C. with, according to Ciralsky, "a great sound." When "Send My Regards" was presented to Hit 'n' Run, Ciralsky says, "They wanted to go with it immediately, all the way." Apparently, there is an unexploited market for anti-protest, protest songs.

The single is scheduled to be released today to local radio stations and the Voice Of America network so the troops can hear the words and music of support overseas. Proceeds from the CD and cassette sales will go to the troops. Ciralsky says, "We hope this song will communicate our personal thanks and, on a broader scale, oblige many others to express their deep appreciation for the integrity and perseverance shown by the Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy."

'Home' is where the heart is Arena's 'Before It Hits Home' examines a black family facing AIDS

by Shannon Brown

As the crisis in the Middle East continues to capture the country's attention, it is easy to let once-pressing domestic issues fall by the wayside. Within an intense two-hour period, however, playwright Cheryl West brings at least one issue squarely back into the viewer's mind through her harrowing drama, "Before It Hits Home." Her dramatization of the AIDS crisis and its effect on one black family adds a personal touch to a problem that most would rather view in the abstract.

West's play focuses on Wendal Bailey, an up-and-coming saxophone player on the road with his jazz band and living with his girlfriend, Simone. After a visit to a health clinic at Simone's insistence, Wendal learns he has tested HIV positive and developed the first stages of AIDS. His denial of the disease and his refusal to come to terms with his bisexual lifestyle make up the crux of the first act.

While the first act explores some very serious and pressing issues, including a frank and affectionate look at a gay relationship, it is not until the second act that the true power of "Before It Hits Home" hits home. During the second act, Wendal's past and his relationship with his family come to the forefront of the action. With wit and poignancy, West explores not only the delicate issues that any family dealing with an AIDS-infected relative must face, but those which deal specifically with a black family. The reactions of Wendal's family mirror those of any family unprepared to cope with their son's unconventional lifestyle. This situation, however, has the added dimension of a black family, whose intense religious nature makes the son's lifestyle untenable, and whose very race makes them feel invincible to a disease.

Although dealing with an archetypal problem, West does not make her characters, for the most part, either one dimensional or symbolic. Each is an individual, with an individual response. Adding to this feeling is the setting of family conflict which frames the play. Wendal is the favored child, the oldest son who has always been seen as the smartest, the best. His conflicts with his father exist because of his decision to lead a creative life, not to make do with a mundane exist-

tence and take over his father's store. His bisexuality is not the main issue, but simply another factor in a long struggle. Wendal is also his mother's perfect child, and she can see no wrong in him. These dual attitudes change and convulse as Wendal's condition deteriorates, and his disease becomes more evident. His mother cannot handle the reality of his life or his humanity, and flees her home to escape the reality and shame of her son. His father, in contrast, finds in himself a strength to accept his son as he truly is, and to care for him even when all others abandon him.

Another strength of "Before It Hits Home" lies in the strong characterizations and relationships of the main characters, particularly the father, Bailey, and the mother, Reba. As played by Michael Joyce, Wendal is a character without great definition, brought to life only when interacting with others. The viewer feels for him, but only because he or she is able to see Wendal through the eyes of other, stronger characters. Particularly outstanding are Wally Taylor as the father, Tony Award-Winner Trazana Beverly as Reba and Keith Randolph Smith as Wendal's lover, Douglass.

Intense and sometimes overwhelmingly powerful, "Before It Hits Home" also uses liberal dashes of humor to relieve some of the tension. Until nearly the last scene, every emotional moment is offset by a funny, sometimes hilarious bit. The humor is especially welcome because the theatre is in the round, designed to promote intimacy, drawing the viewer into a level which is sometimes uncomfortable.

"Before It Hits Home" is a real and sometimes heartbreaking drama which portrays what is becoming an all-too-familiar problem. When a play about a subject which makes most uncomfortable can leave most of a diverse audience — including men and women of all races — in tears, there is no option but recommend it as strongly as possible to anyone in the mood for live theatre at its best.

"Before It Hits Home" is playing in repertory with "Born Guilty" at the Arena Stage Theatre, 6th and Maine Avenues, SW, through March 2. Show times vary. Call (202) 488-3300 for more information.



GW's Women's Issues Now, Lesbian and Gay People's Alliance and the AIDS Education Committee are sponsoring "Secrets," a play based on true stories of students dealing with AIDS.

The show is tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in the Marvin Center Dorothy Betts Theatre. Admission is free.

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unless strong measures are taken to contain him," Post added. "If blocked in his overt aggression, he can be expected to pursue his goals covertly through intensified support of terrorism."

In an article that appeared in the Jan. 20 issue of The New York Times, visiting political science professor Barbara Kellerman wrote, "Americans have

considered it their mission to spread, usually by example, but sometimes by direct intervention, freedom and justice around the world.

"There is no overestimating this essentially moral imperative — it provided the underpinning for decisions by at least three of the last 10 presidents to engage in military adventures, and by four others to land America in major wars," she added.

In an interview, Kellerman said she was not making a specific link between the Persian Gulf War and the American attempts to spread freedom and justice around the world.

"Nowhere in my article did I say that the war was justified by this 'moral imperative,'" Kellerman said.

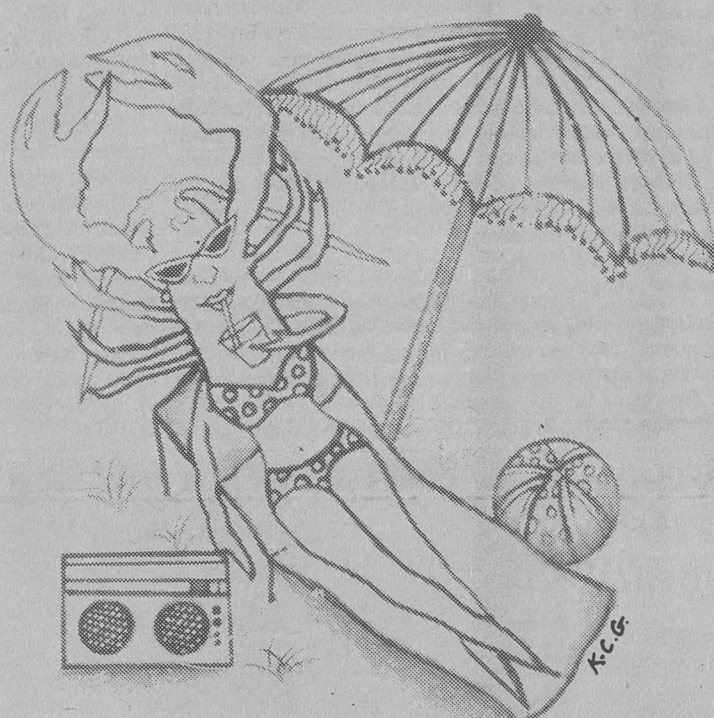
Several professors also made comments on the link between the Persian Gulf War and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"The Iraqis have made it clear that Israel is a probable target in the event of a conflict," Department of Political Science chair Bernard Reich said. "This is an issue that should not be readily dismissed. Clearly, the Arab-Israeli conflict is going to be at the center of any political discussions after this crisis is ended."

Political science professor Christopher Joyner said in an interview with USA Today, "Saddam Hussein has played the Arab card to his advantage with fairly good success. He has made the Palestinian issue much more prominent than before the invasion of Kuwait. In historical hindsight, this may lead the way to a Palestinian solution."

Joyner said it will be a "real irony" if such a solution evolves from the Middle East conflict, but added he is not certain the price will be worth it from the Iraqi perspective.

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Experts report no drop in travel because of war

by Debbie Solomon
Asst. News Editor

The number of people traveling by airplane to regions outside of the United States has not dropped significantly because of the Persian Gulf crisis and the threat of terrorism, according to Pan American World Airways reservation agent George Kramer.

Sheryl Spivak, GW professor of tourism and director of GW's Tourism Policy Forum, said the fear of terrorism often provokes people to redirect their flights.

"The increased number of terrorist incidents in the 1980s directed at tourists . . . did not effect the overall world growth of travel, but, rather, proved to be a powerful agent in redirecting tourism flows," she said.

Kramer said the decrease in the number of people flying is not as high as expected by the airline industry. More people are postponing their flights than cancelling them, he said.

"We get people calling all day long who want to postpone their trips to Europe until March or April. Not many people have been cancelling their trips all together, though," Kramer added.

Gayle Kurschave, a spokesperson from Lufthansa German Airlines, agreed with Kramer. "We expected a much bigger drop in international travel than we have seen. So far less than one-third of people flying internationally have cancelled their flights."

One reason for people choosing to

continue with international travel plans, according to Kramer, may be the increase in airport security in U.S. and international airports.

"People are not as afraid of terrorists, and are aware of how tightened security has become at airports, especially in places like London and Frankfurt where safety is extremely important . . . People probably know this and feel safe travelling," he said.

Spivak agreed with Kramer, saying terrorist incidents in certain areas of the world end up increasing travel to certain "safe areas" such as the Caribbean, Australia and Canada.

The government, in response to the possible threat of terrorism, has advised airlines to cancel flights to certain parts of the world, according to a travel advisory posted by the State Department. Pan Am has ceased all flights going to Tel Aviv, Israel; Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Istanbul, Turkey and Athens, Greece.

In response to the possibility of terrorist attacks on U.S. citizens, GW sent letters to parents of students planning to study abroad this semester, outlining safety measures, according to a Jan. 16 issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education. The letter warned students to keep a low profile by avoiding dress or behavior that would suggest they are Americans. The letter also urged students to be wary of suspicious or abandoned packages, and to avoid spending long periods in international airports.

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SAT	FEB 23	ST. BONAVENTURE*#	5:30PM
THU	FEB 28	PENN STATE*	6PM
SAT	MAR 2	ST. BONAVENTURE*	2PM
MON-SAT	MAR 4-9	ATLANTIC 10 CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT	

HEAD COACH: JOE MCKEOWN
ASSISTANT COACHES: KAREN TURNER AND CHERYL REEVE
GRADUATE ASSISTANT: DIANE FINNAN
* - ATLANTIC 10 CONFERENCE GAME
- DOUBLEHEADER WITH MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

1991 MEN'S & WOMEN'S SWIMMING

SAT	FEB 2	RUTGERS (ALUMNI & PARENTS MEET)	2PM
WED-SAT	MAR 6-9	EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS (AT CLEVELAND STATE)	TBA
SAT-SUN	MAR 15-16	NCAA ZONE DIVING QUALIFYING MEET (AT HARVARD, MA)	TBA
THU-SAT	MAR 21-23	NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS - WOMEN (AT INDIANAPOLIS, IN)	TBA
THU-SAT	MAR 28-30	NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS - MEN (AT AUSTIN, TX)	TBA

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1991 MEN'S TENNIS

SAT	MAR 2	AT SWARTHMORE	1PM
MON	MAR 4	RICHMOND	2PM
WED	MAR 6	AT GEORGE MASON	3PM
TUE	MAR 12	AT LOYOLA (MD)	3PM
FRI	MAR 22	AT MARYLAND-BALTIMORE COUNTY	12PM
SAT	MAR 23	AT NAVY	2:30PM
THU	MAR 28	AT AMERICAN	3PM
FRI	MAR 29	RUTGERS	12PM
SAT	MAR 30	TEMPLE	2:30PM
TUE	APR 2	VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH	9AM
SAT-SUN	APR 6-7	AT WAKE FOREST TOURNAMENT	3PM
WED	APR 10	HOWARD	1PM
SAT	APR 13	AT WEST VIRGINIA	3PM
TUE	APR 16	AT GEORGETOWN	TBA
FRI	APR 19	ATLANTIC 10 CHAMPIONSHIPS	
SUN	APR 21	AT PENN STATE	

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THU	MAR 21	AT MARYLAND	2:30PM
FRI	MAR 22	AT MARY WASHINGTON	3PM
WED	MAR 27	AT AMERICAN	2:20PM
THU	MAR 28	AT UDC	2PM
THU	APR 4	HOWARD	3PM
FRI	APR 5	AT VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH	2:30PM
SAT	APR 6	TEMPLE	11AM
TUE	APR 9	AT GEORGE MASON	3PM
WED	APR 10	AT GEORGE MASON	TBA
FRI	APR 12	ATLANTIC 10 CHAMPIONSHIPS	
SUN	APR 14	AT RUTGERS	
WED	APR 17	AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S	
SUN	APR 21	ST. JOHN'S (NY)	TBA

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RACQUETBALL	FEBRUARY 28	MARCH 5	MARCH 18
SQUASH TOURNAMENT	MARCH 19	MARCH 21	MARCH 23
POTOMAC RIVER RAT RACE	MARCH 20	MARCH 21	MARCH 24
SOFTBALL	MARCH 21	MARCH 26	APRIL 5
WIFFLEBALL	APRIL 4	APRIL 9	APRIL 17
GOLF	APRIL 11	APRIL 18	APRIL 19
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Steffan

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wide deployment with members who must frequently live and work under close conditions affording minimal privacy, to recruit and retain members of the military services, to maintain the public acceptability of the military and in certain circumstances to prevent breaches of security."

Steffan compared the policy barring

gays to the 1941 military code barring blacks from service. The declassified policy reads, "The close and intimate conditions of life aboard ship, the necessity for the highest possible degree of unity and esprit de corps, and the requirement of morale, all of these demand that nothing be done to adversely affect the situation. Past experience has shown irrefutably that the enlistment of Negroes other than for mess attendance, leads to destructive and undermining conditions." A nearly identical argument was later made to bar women from the armed forces, Steffan said.

"The military's policy against gay people is nothing but an echo of prejudice that was previously assigned to black people, (then) toward women. The fact is that prejudice has always existed. The only thing that has changed over time is who this prejudice is being exercised against," he said.

Since 1956, the Defense Department has conducted several studies to examine evidence which would support or refute the policy. With each study, results revealed evidence in contradiction of the military policy, so the report findings were never released, Steffan said. The military conducted its first

known inquiries in 1956, showing concern for the Kinsey statistics that had been released in December 1948, theorizing that approximately 10 percent of males are homosexual. The commissioned study, the Crittenden Report, surveyed how many men in the military had ever engaged in homosexual activity since they entered. According to Steffan, the report found that 36.5 percent of the military had been involved in homosexual conduct and that homosexuals pose no greater risk for security clearance than heterosexuals. The military released the report in the 1970s during litigation, more than 20 years after it was completed.

Through the assistance of Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.), Steffan acquired two additional Defense Department studies conducted during the past two years. A Defense Department subsidiary, the Defense Personnel Security Research and Education Center, conducted the first study to examine if gays in the military present a problem.

The summary of the DOD report, as read by Steffan, reads, "Our study conclusion is that the military services will soon be asked by the courts or the Congress to reexamine their policy regarding the recruitment and retention

of men and women whose sexual interests deviate from the customary. . . . Studies of homosexual veterans make clear that same-gender or opposite-gender orientation is unrelated to job performance in the same way as is being left or right handed."

A second report commissioned by the same group reexamined the issue of security clearance. It reads, "Preponderance of the evidence presented indicates that homosexuals show pre-service suitability related adjustment, that is as good or better than the average heterosexual." The report also concluded that the worst security risks were heterosexual males, Steffan said.

He said the military's other justifications for discrimination are not based on abilities of gays, but of the perceptions of those around them.

He reported that the U.S. armed forces discharge approximately 1,600 people a year at a cost of \$300 million.

"Of the 16 NATO member countries, only two countries discriminate against gay people in the military. All of the other countries except the United States and Great Britain allow gay people to serve in the military which I think is as good evidence as any that this policy will not hold," Steffan said.

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Riverside Towers repairs prompt student complaints of noise, dust

by Lisa Leiter
Hatchet Staff Writer

Housing and Residence Life Associate Director David H. McElveen met with Riverside Towers Resident Director Barbara Hoover yesterday to discuss student complaints about renovations in progress on the outside of building.

Hoover, McElveen and representatives from GW's contractor, Culbertson Company, discussed when the work would be completed, students' concerns and why the renovation is being done, McElveen said.

The work on Riverside Towers will not be finished for another two months, McElveen said, noting the contractors gave a "pessimistic date of late March." He said they may finish earlier, depending on the weather.

Hoover said if the work is not completed by late March, she will meet with McElveen and Culbertson again.

Culbertson began work on Riverside because pieces of concrete on the building were loose and could have fallen and hit students. "This is why it can't wait until summer," she added.

The Office of Housing and Residence Life has been cooperative and has responded to the students' questions, Hoover said.

However, Riverside resident Tammy Stocking disagreed. "(McElveen) won't talk to students . . . students have tried to talk to him and he won't take their calls," she said.

Hoover said McElveen is her direct supervisor and she meets with him once a week as part of her job. "Mr. McElveen will be attending the hall council

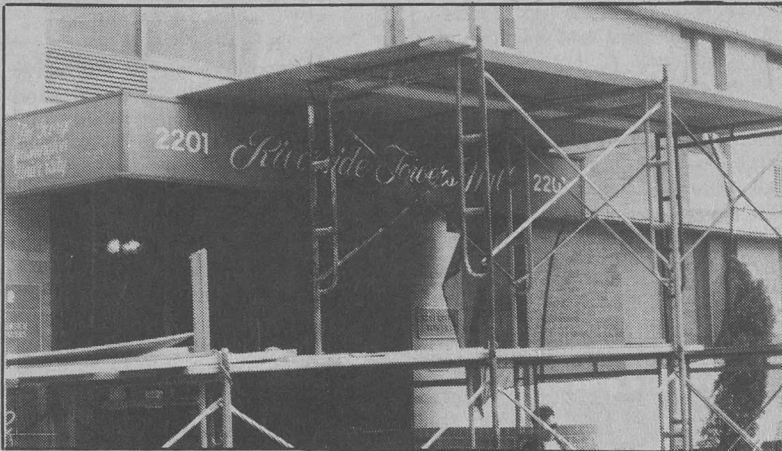


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Renovations at Riverside Towers leave some residents upset.

meeting Sunday to explain the reason for the work and how long it will take," Hoover added.

Students' primary concern was the noisy construction during the last week of classes last semester when papers were due and students were using computers in their rooms, Hoover said, adding no construction will be done during the last week this semester. McElveen said the noisy construction will be completed in early February.

Students have complained about noise during the day and white dust covering furniture in several rooms since last semester, Riverside resident Keith Murray said.

"My smoke alarm went off," Murray said. "I went to the Riverside office and spoke to a student who was working there and he wouldn't do anything about it."

McElveen said the reason the white dust goes into the rooms with the airconditioning off and the windows closed is that when the workers remove the bricks, they also remove a layer of insulation.

Stocking also said she saw white dust in the rooms. "The University never told us what they were doing and why they were doing it."

"This is one of the most expensive dorms on campus and now we have men in our windows," Stocking said, adding that an explanatory letter about the work being done would have helped the situation.

Murray said he is bothered by the amount of time it is taking to complete the job. "Maybe it wouldn't take so long if the workers would stop whistling at girls who walk by," he added.

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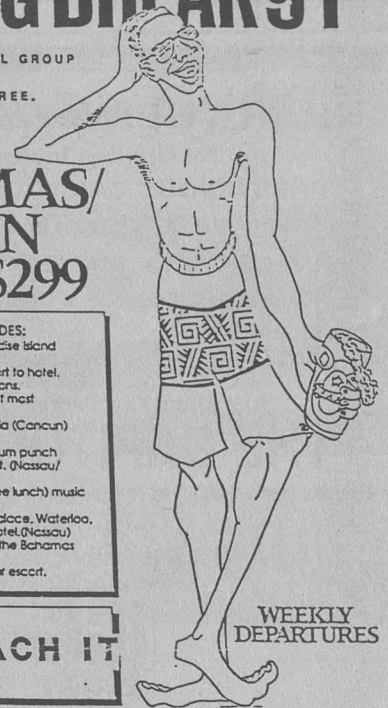
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Nearly \$2,000 in donations came from the "Bury the Wheelchair Initiative," a fundraiser to benefit MDA. The fundraiser's aim was to bury, with money, a wheelchair enclosed in a glass case in Market Square. "The wheelchair didn't actually get buried," Whelan said, "but so

much money was raised that we're not upset."

The money was counted Tuesday with Marriott's change counter. "There was over \$1,200 in change, and we could never have counted it all without the help of Dan Ryan who let us use the change counter," she said. "We're very grateful to him for his help."

The Superdance raised \$7,600 from sponsors and donations, compared to \$7,000 last year, according to Whelan.

"The main goal of this year's Superdance was to reverse the trend that has been occurring over the past few years — that is the lack of interest in Superdance and the loss of money.

"The goal for next year is to keep the interest in Superdance growing, and to raise even more money," Whelan said, adding she was satisfied with this year's outcome.

"I am amazed and delighted at the success of Superdance and I hope this is a continuing trend," she said.

-Debbie Solomon

Nearly 500 enrolled in GW honor societies

by Laura Gladstone

Hatchet Staff Writer

The 22 honorary societies with active chapters at GW are "just one indication of the serious commitment to academic excellence by our students," GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said in a University Relations press release.

In addition to the honorary societies, GW's 47 National Merit Scholars in this year's freshman class reinforce this academic commitment, Trachtenberg said.

Nearly 500 GW students hold memberships in the campus' active

honor organizations, according to the press release.

Acting Assistant Director of Campus Activities Steven Loflin said Omicron Delta Kappa recognizes students with outstanding leadership qualities displayed in their positions. Members must also maintain above a 3.0 grade point average, he added.

The Golden Key Honor Society is one of the largest societies on campus, with 225 active members, according to Golden Key President Jennifer Reynolds. Members consist of the top 15 percent of the juniors and seniors on campus that have a GPA of 3.3 or higher. They also participate as a group to educate District school children about drug awareness.

Order of Omega is a national Greek-letter honor society for fraternity or sorority members with a GPA higher than a 2.8, Greek Affairs Coordinator Sue Gowen said. Members are selected on the basis of good standing within his or her fraternity or sorority and must exemplify outstanding leadership ability within the chapter.

Other organizations specialize in certain academic areas, according to the release: Beta Alpha Si, accounting; Sigma Xi, scientific research; Alpha Epsilon Delta, pre-medicine; Phi Delta Epsilon Medical Fraternity; Beta Gamma Sigma, business management; Omicron Delta Epsilon, economics; Delta Phi Alpha, German; Sigma Delta, Spanish; Psi Chi, psychology; Pi Alpha Alpha, public affairs and administration; and Pi Sigma Alpha, political science.

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Nominations may be submitted to the Joint Committee, care of the Dean of Students Office, Rice Hall, Room 401. Up to 10 awards will be presented at Spring Commencement.

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For additional information, contact Kevin McAnally at 994-6710

Another Goose
by Mike Peters



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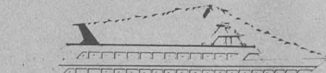
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SPORTS

Holland scores career-best 28 as Colonials down WVU, 97-87

by Scott Jared
Hatchet Sports Writer

Thank you, Mr. Holland!

Riding Sonni Holland's career-high 28 points and 12 rebounds, the GW men's basketball team rolled over Atlantic 10 Conference-opponent West Virginia, 97-87, Tuesday in the Smith Center.

GW head coach Mike Jarvis said Holland has been the focus of the Colonials' offense lately. "It is our intention to get him the ball," he said. "Guys are doing a great job getting him open. He is our go-to guy right now."

The Colonials (11-7 overall, 5-5 in the A-10) dominated — leading by as many as 24 in the second half — although the Mountaineers (10-7, 6-3) made a game of it at the end.

GW led 89-65 with 6:57 remaining, but WVU changed to full-court defensive pressure, spurring a 12-0 run in the next three minutes to close the gap to 12 points with 4:02 left.

WVU twice got within eight points, but the Colonials held off the Mountai-

neers' run and effectively used the clock the rest of the way to put the game and WVU away.

"We wanted to win by double-figures," GW head coach Mike Jarvis said. "To win by double-figures against this talented of a team is a very large accomplishment."

The game was even at the onset, as evident by seven lead changes in the game's opening 10 minutes.

But GW took the lead for good with 9:22 remaining in the half on a Glen Sitney tip-in of an Ellis McKennie miss. Sitney had 15 points and nine rebounds in just 12 minutes off the bench.

GW survived a technical foul on Jarvis midway through the half which resulted in a four-point Mountaineer play, narrowing the Colonials' lead to 27-24 with 7:22 left.

But GW extended its lead as the half wound down, taking a 54-41 lead at the intermission.

The Colonials pulled away early in the second half, extending the lead to 20 at the 13:01 mark.

Jarvis said with the way his team played, "There was no way we were going to lose this basketball game tonight," he said. "Someone was going to find a way to win."

GW had five players in double figures. Along with Holland and Sitney, McKennie scored 15, Dirk Surles scored 14 and Byron Hopkins tallied 12.

Before Tuesday's game, Holland was tied with Surles as the Colonials' leading scorer, averaging 13.6 points per game — tying them for 12th in the A-10 scoring department. Holland was shooting 46.5 percent from the field and Surles was shooting 48.9 percent.

Freshman point guard Alvin Pearsall returned to action against WVU after sitting out the last two games with a knee injury. He scored six points and had four assists in 18 minutes of play.

Dunks — The Colonials face A-10 opponent St. Bonaventure tonight at 7:35 p.m. in Olean, N.Y., and the Nittany Lions of Penn State at home Sunday at 4:30 p.m. in the Smith Center.

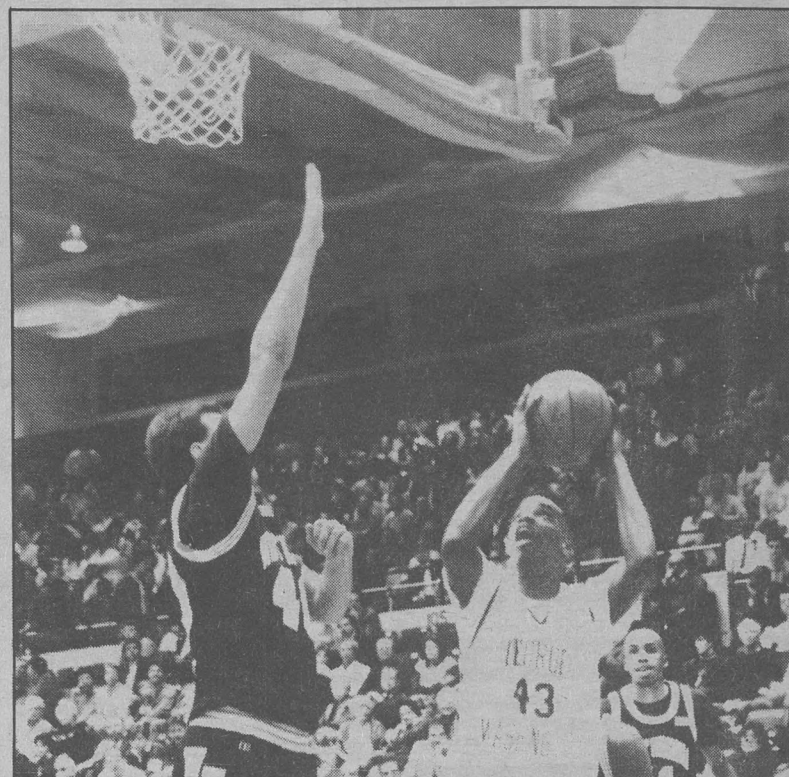


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Sonni Holland finds himself scoring under the basket again against WVU.

Women cagers top USF, 73-61

by Holger Stolzenberg
Hatchet Sports Writer

Offense and defense came together at the Smith Center Monday, as the GW women's basketball team got its revenge against South Florida, defeating the Bulls, 73-61.

GW lost, 81-62, to USF Dec. 21 in the opening round of the South Florida Holiday Classic.

"When we were in Florida, (GW head coach Joe McKeown) said that we were the best team there," junior center Mary K. Nordling said. "We were shocked that we lost, so we were looking for payback."

The win improves GW's record to 14-3 overall, 7-1 in the Atlantic 10 Conference. With its loss to Rutgers last week, GW only garnered two votes in the AP rankings.

A consistent offense led by Jennifer Shasky's 26 points and a tight defense led by junior guard Wanda Lanham was the key to victory.

Defense was an important factor in the game. After a very strong showing in the first 15 minutes of the first half, GW defense fell apart as a 15-2 run by the Bulls put South Florida back into the game.

A strong defensive second half, in which GW cut South Florida's shooting percentage from 38.7 percent in the first half down to 20.6 percent, helped the Colonial women to a strong finish.

"We got very tentative at the end of the first half," GW head coach Joe



photo by Greg Heller

Kristen McArdle goes up for two of her 11 points.

McKeown said, "but we came out and played well in the second half."

"We were disappointed after the first half, but we were confident that we would win," junior forward Kristin McArdle said. "All we had to do was concentrate on offense, and we did."

The hosts never trailed in the game. GW opened up the first-half with a 20-8 run led by Nordling's eight points and then slowly inched the lead upward until they were up by 16 with 7:34 left in the half.

After the Bulls 15-2 run, the half ended with the Colonial women up by only two, 36-34.

The second half began with a South Florida basket, tying the game, 36-36. With Shasky (11 points) and McArdle (5 points) leading the way, the Colonial women then went on a 23-4 run, putting GW up 19 points with 10:25 left to play.

The Colonial women slowly increased the lead to 23, before South Florida could cut the lead down to 12 over the next seven minutes.

"I'm glad we beat them," Lanham said. "We felt we were the better

team."

"It was a physically tough game," McKeown said. "We played aggressive and shot well."

GW also had the highest number of blocked shots this season, 10, led by Nordling's eight. The Colonial women, last in the A-10 in rebounding, were out-rebounded again, 43-39.

Offensively, GW shot 52 percent, its second highest field goal percentage this season, led by McArdle's five of seven and Shasky's 12 of 20 shooting.

Other than Shasky's 26 points, Nordling picked up 14, along with seven rebounds. McArdle, who fouled out with 5:48 left in the second half, scored 11 points, grabbed a team-high nine rebounds and had three assists. Lanham had nine points, two steals and three assists.

Hoops — GW hosts A-10 rivals Massachusetts, tonight at 6 p.m. at the Smith Center, and Rhode Island, Saturday at 2 p.m. The Colonial women won at Massachusetts 54-28, Jan. 5, and at Rhode Island, Jan. 3, 79-50.

Swim teams trounce cross-town rival GU

by Jeff Turner
Hatchet Sports Writer

The GW men's and women's swimming teams finally showed the potential that head coach Bob Hassett said he has seen all year.

Visiting cross-town rival Georgetown Tuesday, the Colonial teams dominated as the women rolled on to a 153-88 victory and the men won by an even bigger margin, 159.5-83.5.

"Going against a team (GU) that is probably at its peak," he said, "the guys swam really well and the double-win is really satisfying."

The Colonials (5-6) won their second in a row, coming off a victory against Washington and Lee last Saturday, 104-76. The men took first in all but two of the 13 events and were led by triple-winners Zach Whitney and Steve "Mondo" Goth.

Whitney, a freshman, took top honors in the 100-meter freestyle and helped both relay teams to first place finishes. The 400-meter medley relay team consisted of Whitney, junior Joseph Mihalik, sophomore Henrik Jensen and sophomore Erik Ingram.

In the 400-meter freestyle medley, the team of Whitney, Goth, freshman Patrick Holley and junior Brandt Blanken set a Hoya pool record with a time of 3:36.43.

Goth — who along with fellow co-captain Patrick Nolan are the only seniors on the men's team — said he had a meet he will never forget. "It was one of the best meets of my career," he said, "from both an individual standpoint and a team standpoint."

Goth not only helped set the record in the 400-meter freestyle medley, but he set a pool record with a time of 1:57.66 in the 200-meter freestyle. He finished up a stellar day with his best time and a first-place finish in the 400-meter frees-

style. He added this meet was one with a team effort.

"We were just fired up from the start," Goth said. "They might be a bigger team with more talent, but our team is really coming together and swimming with a lot of confidence."

The battle of GW divers was a split this time as junior Damon Ladd-Thomas won the 1-meter dive and sophomore Eric Wagner won the 3-meter dive.

Coming off Saturday's 105-85 victory against Washington and Lee — a meet in which the women won 10 out of 11 events — the Colonial women dominated once again, as they took nine out of the 13 events against the Hoyas.

The women started out well as they won the 400-meter medley relay with the team of freshman Kirsten Yauch, junior Stacey Leo, junior Bekki VanNostrand and freshman Nichole Martel.

The Colonial women (7-4) had a total of five swimmers that won two events, as Yauch took top honors in the 200-meter backstroke, Leo in the 200-meter butterfly and VanNostrand in the 100-meter freestyle.

Freshman Tuba Guvelioglou continued her excellent swimming, winning the 200-meter individual medley and the 200-meter breast stroke.

In diving, Bobbi Ferraro surprised no one as she swept both the 1-meter and 3-meter dives.

The meet ended just as strong as it started as the team of sophomore Sara Hawes, junior Jenny Katt, junior Stacey Towne and junior Laura Taddeucci won the 400-meter freestyle relay.

Strokes — The GW swim teams wind up their regular season this Saturday against Rutgers at 2 p.m. in the Smith Center. Seniors from both the women's and men's teams will be honored before the meet.